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Remarks

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 13 to 51 will be pending, with claims 13 and 36

being in independent form. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the present

specification.

It is pointed out that the cancellation of claims 1 to 12 is without prejudice or disclaimer to

the prosecution of these claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or refund excess

payments to our Deposit Account No.19-0089.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the

telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted, Stephan RUPPERT et al.

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